

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: KANNO, Hidenori et al.
Serial No.: 10/568,295
Filed: February 15, 2006
For: ROTARY DAMPER AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING ROTARY DAMPER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 2, 2006

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, applicant submits herewith an information disclosure citation which lists references of which the applicant is aware. A copy of each of the references is also submitted herewith.

An English language translation of JP 8014301 is not available at this time. However, an English-language abstract of this reference is submitted herewith. It is respectfully submitted that the relevance of this reference can be readily understood by referring to the drawings of the patent and corresponding English-language abstract provided.

An English language translation of JP 10141420 is not available at this time. However, an English-language abstract of this reference is submitted herewith. It is respectfully submitted that the relevance of this reference can be readily understood by referring to the drawings of the patent and corresponding English-language abstract provided.

An English language translation of JP 50066668 is not available at this time. It is respectfully submitted that the relevance of this reference can be readily understood by referring to the drawings of the patent provided.

An English language translation of JP 701574 is not available at this time. It is respectfully submitted that the relevance of this reference can be readily understood by referring to the drawings of the patent provided.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the publications called to the examiner's attention herein, applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicant reserves the right to contend, where appropriate, that a reference asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

Applicant also reserves the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner independently determine those items which the examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

Applicant respectfully requests that the references be considered and made of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Office action and therefore no fee is due. However, in the event that a fee is required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 232820.

Sincerely,



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